

of weeks and being here again tonight to in fact have a family struggle within our own party in a very public way. This is not the fight that we desire. We hoped that we could sit down as statesmen, as men and women talking with the White House, talking with our friends on the other side of the aisle and coming to some kind of a conclusion as to what was best for this country.

All of our requests, including written letters to the President, have gone unanswered, and so it is that we have been forced to come to the floor of the House, Mr. Speaker, to seek the redress here in this institution where the people of our districts have elected us to come here to protect their interests, and it is to protect that interest that we rise tonight to make a plea to you, Mr. Speaker, and to other Members of this great Chamber to join us to make sure that this country is acting based on good science, that we are acting based on what is indeed the best interests of the working people and the businesses of this Nation.

I yield to the gentleman to close.

Mr. DOYLE. I would just close by saying that in 1994, when I came to this Congress, I promised the people of western Pennsylvania, who I am so privileged to represent, that I would put their interests ahead of the interests of my party and my President, and I also say to my wife Susan and my 4 kids, if they are watching this tonight, Michael, David, Kevin, Alexandra, that I am here for you, too, and for other families in western Pennsylvania.

This is important. This is about our future. This is why we stand here tonight opposing our President and our party on a decision that is going to be so wrong for the future of our country.

I would urge Members in both parties, Republicans and Democrats, to join the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. KLINK] and I myself in sponsoring H.R. 1984. Together let us turn these rules back, let us give our children a future in this country.

Mr. KLINK. Let me also just say in reclaiming my time that I think we need to give credit to two of our friends who are original cosponsors of H.R. 1994, the gentleman from Michigan, Mr. FRED UPTON, Republican, and the gentleman from Virginia, Mr. BOUCHER. They could not be here with us tonight, but this is a bipartisan effort. I am pleased to be one of the leads on this, glad to have my colleague from southwestern Pennsylvania and so many on board.

I think that we are very close to getting half of the Democrats in this House on our side on this issue. I think we have a tremendous number of Republicans.

It has to be veto proof. The President has sent us a clear message, whatever we do, whatever the legislative answer is, we have got to make it veto proof.

I think we have got some good numbers up, about 63 Members in the Senate that are hard numbers, so I think

that we are headed in the right direction.

Again, we did not want to have to battle it this way; it has been thrust upon us.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PAPPAS). The Chair would remind all Members to direct their remarks to the chair and not to the television viewing audience.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) until 1 p.m. today, on account of medical reasons.

Mr. COX of California (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today, on account of medical reasons.

Mr. YATES (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today, on account of personal reasons.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. CAPPS) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. BONIOR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GEJDENSON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ALLEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WATERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. BROWN of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. OWENS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PAYNE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MEEK of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SNYDER, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. TAYLOR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STOKES, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. OLVER, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. INGLIS) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. EHRLICH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PAPPAS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. NEUMANN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes, on June 26.

Mr. DUNCAN, for 5 minutes, today.

#### EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. CAPPS) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin.

Ms. LOFGREN.

Mr. ENGEL.

Mr. SHERMAN.

Mr. VENTO.

Mr. BLAGOJEVICH.

Mr. POSHARD.

Mr. HAMILTON.

Mr. FORD.

Mr. ORTIZ.

Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut.

Mr. SANDERS.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts.

Mr. PASCRELL.

Mr. SKELTON.

Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut.

Mr. GORDON.

Mrs. LOWEY.

Mr. CAPPS.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. INGLIS) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. OXLEY.

Mr. MANZULLO.

Mr. HOEKSTRA.

Mr. BILIRAKIS.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM.

Mr. MCDADE.

Mr. SAXTON.

Mr. DOOLITTLE.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. KLINK) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. RILEY, in two instances.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA.

Mr. FARR of California.

Mr. OWENS.

Mr. BONIOR.

Mr. MATSUI.

Mr. DEUTSCH.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington.

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 1306. An act to amend Federal law to clarify the applicability of host State laws to any branch in such State of an out-of-State bank, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1902. An act to immunize donations made in the form of charitable gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts from the antitrust laws and State laws similar to the antitrust laws

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. KLINK. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 53 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, June 26, 1997, at 10 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows: